REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Applicants respectfully submit the objection to the claims is moot in view of the preliminary amendment filed contemporaneously with the application.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a method for communicating to a server machine a certificate of a user sent by a client machine . . . comprising inserting said certificate into a cookie header of a request in the first protocol and transmitting the request, including the cookie header containing the certificate, from the security module to the server machine.

In contradistinction, Devine is directed toward a secure customer interface for web based data management. Protocols provide an identification of the user, and then authentication of the user to insure the user is who he/she claims to be and a determination of entitlements that the user may avail themselves of in the enterprise system. With reference to Fig. 10 of Devine, and paragraphs 88-90 and 130-133, Applicants respectfully submit that Devine does not insert the certificate into a cookie header of a request in the first protocol as specified in Claim 1.

More particularly, and with reference to paragraph 90 of Devine, the exchange between the client and server is outlined with, once the server is authenticated, Devine teaching that it may be optionally possible to request a certificate from the client, if that is appropriate to the cipher selected. While Devine goes on to discuss the use of cookies, the cookies are discussed in relation to a preferred embodiment that associates a given https request with a logical session which is initiated and tracked by a "cookie jar server" 32 to generate a "cookie" or session identifier which is a unique server-generated key that is sent to the client along with each reply to a https request. The client holds the cookie

session identifier and returns it to the server as part of each subsequent https request. As desired, either the web server 24, the cookie jar server 32, or the dispatch server 26, may maintain the "cookie jar" to map the session identifier to the associated session (see paragraph 66 of Devine).

However, there is absolutely no teaching or suggestion of inserting a certificate into a cookie header of request, nor of the transmitting step, as recited in Claim 1. At least based on this distinction, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 is patentably distinguishable from the Devine reference. The remaining claims are also patentably distinct from Devive at least based on the above and the additional feature(s) they recite.

With all objections and rejections having been overcome, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No.

50-1165 (T2147-907679) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required

by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is

required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested,

such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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